IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Thommes

For : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A

Universal Input Voltage In A Welding

Power Source

Attorney Docket No.: ITW 7188C

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Drawing:

Please add new Figure 6, shown on an attached sheet.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15, page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4 is a detailed diagram of the pulse width modulator of Figure 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17, page 16 with the following rewritten paragraph: